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Draft provisional agenda for the forty-second session of the Committee

Note by the Secretariat

1. In pursuance of paragraph 2 (e) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/41 of 10 May 1979, and paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 34/50 of 23 November 1979, the Committee shall submit to the Council and to the Assembly, for their review, the provisional agenda for its forty-second session, together with the required documentation.

2. In its decision 1983/163 of 22 July 1983, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of intergovernmental and expert bodies, before decisions were adopted, any request for documentation that exceeded the ability of the Secretariat to prepare and process on time and within its approved resources; and to draw the attention of intergovernmental bodies to areas where duplication of documentation was likely to occur and/or where opportunities for integrating or consolidating documents that dealt with related or similar themes might exist, with a view to rationalizing documentation.

3. The draft provisional agenda, as set out below, for the forty-second session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority, will be completed at the end of the current session in the light of recommendations adopted by the Committee:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.

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Documentation

Outline of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

4. Programme questions:

(a) Programme planning:

Programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2000-2001;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2000-2001

(b) Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (Regulation 4.13 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation)

(c) Evaluation.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the role of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of the legal affairs programme (A/55/16, para. 234 (b))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of the General Assembly and Economic and Social Council services programme (A/55/16, para. 234 (b))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee on Programme and Coordination at its thirty-ninth session on the in-depth evaluation of the Disarmament programme (A/54/16)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee on Programme and Co-ordination at its thirty-ninth session on the in-depth evaluation of the Electoral assistance programme (A/54/16)

5. Coordination questions:

   (a) Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination;

   Documentation

   Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 2001

   (b) United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s.

   Documentation

   Report of the Secretary-General on the final evaluation of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (E/AC.51/2001/L.6/Add.39/Rev.1, para __)

6. Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit.

7. Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate.

8. Provisional agenda for the forty-third session.

9. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-second session (part I and part II).

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Draft report

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I. Organization of the session

1. The Committee for Programme and Coordination held its organizational session (1st meeting) at United Nations Headquarters on 2 May 2001 and its substantive session from 11 June to 6 July 2001. It held a total of 30 meetings and a number of informal consultations.

A. Agenda

2. The agenda for the forty-first session, adopted by the Committee at its 1st meeting, is contained in annex I.

3. In adopting the agenda, the Committee, in accordance with the decision taken at its 2nd meeting, on 11 June 2001, decided to consider at its forty-first session the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "The use of consultants in the United Nations" (A/55/59) and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon (A/55/59/Add.1).

B. Election of officers

4. At its organizational meeting (1st meeting), on 2 May 2001, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Mrs. Sharon **Brennen-Haylock** (Bahamas) Chairperson of the Committee for the forty-first session.

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5. At its 2nd and 8th meetings on 11 June 2001 and 14 June 2001, the Committee elected, by acclamation, the remaining members of the Bureau for the forty-first session:

Vice-Chairmen:

Mr. Shinichi **Yamanaka** (Japan)
Mr. Thomas Friedrich Heinrich **Mazet** (Germany)
Mr. Oleksii **Ivaschencko** (Ukraine)

Rapporteur:

Mr. Ayman **Elgammal** (Egypt)

C. Attendance

6. The following States Members of the Committee were represented:

Argentina
Bahamas
Bangladesh
Benin
Botswana
Brazil
Cameroon
China
Comoros
Cuba
Egypt
France
Gabon
Germany
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Italy
Japan
Mauritania
Mexico
Pakistan
Peru
Poland
Portugal
Republic of Korea
Republic of Moldova
Russian Federation
San Marino
Ukraine
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United Republic of Tanzania
United States of America
Uruguay
Zimbabwe

7. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers:

Algeria
Austria
Belgium
Croatia
Dominican Republic
Ethiopia
Finland
Ghana
Guatemala
Guyana
India
Ireland
Israel
Kenya
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Morocco
Nigeria
Norway
Philippines
Saudi Arabia
Singapore
South Africa
Sweden
Syrian Arab Republic
Thailand
Uganda

8. The Permanent Observer Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations was represented.

9. The following regional commissions and specialized agencies were represented.

Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Regional Commissions New York Office

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

World Health Organization (WHO)

10. Also present at the session were the Under-Secretary-General for Administration, the Legal Counsel, the Under-Secretary General for Political Affairs, the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services, the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament, the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services, the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, the Assistant Secretary-General, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the Controller, the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Interim Head of the Department of Public Information, the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries, and senior officials of the United Nations Secretariat.

11. At the invitation of the Committee, Mr. Armando Duque, Inspector in the Joint Inspection Unit, also participated in the work of the Committee.

D. Documentation

12. The list of documents before the Committee at its forty-first session is set out in annex II.

E. Adoption of the report of the Committee

13. At its 30th meeting, on 6 July 2001, the Committee adopted the draft report on the work of its forty-first session (E/AC.51/2001/L.6 and Add.1-42).

Annex I

Agenda for the forty-first session of the Committee

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.
4. Programme questions:
   (a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003;
   (b) Evaluation.
5. Coordination questions:
   (a) Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination;
   (b) Implementation of the Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;
   (c) Draft system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women for the period 2002-2005.
6. Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit.
7. Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate.
8. Provisional agenda for the forty-second session.
9. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-first session.

Annex II

List of documents before the Committee at its forty-first session

A/55/59	Report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "The use of consultants in the United Nations"
A/55/59/Add.1	Comments by the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the use of consultants in the United Nations
A/56/6	Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003
A/56/6 (Introduction)	Foreword and introduction
A/56/6 (Sect. 1)	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination
A/55/6 (Sect. 2)	General Assembly affairs and conference services
A/56/6 (Sect. 3)	Political affairs
A/56/6 (Sect. 4)	Disarmament
A/56/6 (Sect. 5)	Peacekeeping operations
A/56/6 (Sect. 6)	Peaceful uses of outer space
A/56/6 (Sect. 8)	Legal affairs
A/56/6 (Sect. 9)	Economic and social affairs
A/56/6 (Sect. 10)	Africa: New Agenda for Development
A/56/6 (Sect. 11A)	Trade and development
A/56/6 (Sect. 11B)	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO
A/56/6 (Sect. 12)	Environment
A/56/6 (Sect. 13)	Human settlements
A/56/6 (Sect. 14)	Crime prevention and criminal justice
A/56/6 (Sect. 15)	International drug control
A/56/6 (Sect. 16)	Economic and social development in Africa
A/56/6 (Sect. 17)	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific
A/56/6 (Sect. 18)	Economic development in Europe
A/55/6 (Sect. 19)	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean
A/56/6 (Sect. 20)	Economic and social development in Western Asia
A/56/6 (Sect. 21)	Regular programme of technical cooperation
A/56/6 (Sect. 22)	Human rights
A/56/6 (Sect. 23)	Protection of and assistance to refugees
A/56/6 (Sect. 24)	Palestine refugees

A/56/6 (Sect. 25)	Humanitarian assistance
A/56/6 (Sect. 26)	Public information
A/56/6 (Sect. 27A to G)	Administration
A/56/6 (Sect. 28)	Internal oversight
A/56/6 (Sect. 29)	Jointly financed administrative activities
A/56/6/(Sect. 33)	Development Account
A/56/82	Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the efficiency and the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations
E/2001/55	Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 2000
E/AC.51/2001/1	Annotated provisional agenda for the forty-first session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination
E/AC.51/2001/2	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of sustainable development
E/AC.51/2001/3	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of the population programme
E/AC.51/2001/4	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-eighth session on the in-depth evaluation of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme
E/AC.51/2001/5	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-eighth session on the in-depth evaluation of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme
E/AC.51/2001/6 and Corr.1	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report entitled "Independent evaluation of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa"
E/AC.51/2001/7	Notes by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments on the report entitled "Independent evaluation of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa"
E/AC.51/2001/8	Letter dated 24 May 2001 from the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women to the Chairperson of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

E/AC.51/2001/9	Letter dated 8 June 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations and Coordinator of the Least Developed Countries addressed to the Chairperson of the Committee for Programme and Coordination
E/AC.51/2001/10	Letter dated 12 June 2001 from the Chairman of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development addressed to the Chairperson of the Committee for Programme and Coordination
E/AC.51/2001/L.1/ Rev.3	Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation for the forty-first session
E/AC.51/2001/L.2/ Rev.1	Note by the Secretariat on the proposed programme of work for the forty-first session
E/AC.51/2001/L.3/ Rev.1	Note by the Secretariat containing a list of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit
E/AC.51/2001/L.4	Note by the Secretariat on the current notional costs of documentation and utilization of interpretation services
E/AC.51/2001/L.5	Note by the Secretariat on the provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-second session of the Committee
E/AC.51/2001/L.6 and Add.1-42	Draft report of the Committee on the work of its forty-first session
E/CN.6/2001/4	Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women 2002-2005
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Addendum

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

(*item 3*)

Progress report on the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

1. At its tenth meeting, on 18 June 2001, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (A/56/82). The report of the Secretary-General was introduced by the Director of the Management Policy Office of the Department of Management, who also responded to the questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the report. He informed the Committee that the report of the Secretary-General would be reissued for technical reasons.

Discussion

2. Concern was expressed that the report of the Secretary-General reflected a number of measures being taken in four main areas — human resources management, budget-related issues, simplification of processes, and delegation of authority and accountability — rather than an assessment of the results of such measures across a broader range of topics, including, inter alia, those for renewal and reform of the Organization. Future reports should be more detailed and indicate explicitly the way in which efficiency had been improved.

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3. A view was expressed that questioned the manner in which the Committee for Programme and Coordination should proceed with its review of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations. In that regard, it was noted that the substantive debate on many issues pertinent to the matter had taken or was taking place in a variety of intergovernmental bodies.

4. A view was expressed that, in accordance with the existing Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, each programme approved by the General Assembly should be subject to a regular evaluation that, among other things, assessed the continuing relevance and effectiveness of the programme.

5. A view was also expressed that each proposed programme should include a specific termination date so that the programme would not be renewed unless the evaluation demonstrated the continuing relevance and effectiveness of the programme.

6. Views were expressed on the need for an analytical assessment of the impact and value added of the measures taken to improve the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.

7. Concern was expressed about the result of efficiency measures related to the use of consultants, outsourcing of translation services and the simultaneous availability of official documentation in electronic form in the six official languages on the United Nations web site.

Conclusion and recommendation

8. The Committee noted the report of the Secretary-General concerning the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (A/56/82).

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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

(Item 4 (a))

Part one, Foreword and introduction

1. At its 6th, 7th and 8th meetings, on 13 and 14 June 2001, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, the first biennial programme budget within the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the foreword and introduction to the proposed programme budget (A/56/6 (Introduction)) and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the document.

Discussion

3. Satisfaction was expressed with the timely presentation of the budget in its new results-based format, and with the efforts of the Secretary-General to formulate the required objectives, expected accomplishments, and indicators of achievement. The effort to draw clear linkages between the medium-term plan and the resource requests in the budget was considered particularly notable. The view was expressed that many of the indicators seemed appropriate and useful, while others needed to be refined to become more specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound. Concern was expressed that expected accomplishments and indicators of

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achievement had been rephrased in a selective way compared with the medium-term plan. It was observed that the Committee had a responsibility in that regard to ensure that those programme elements of the proposed programme budget were consistent with the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

4. It was stated that, in the consideration and implementation of results-based budgeting, all the provisions of resolution 55/231 should be adhered to. It was observed that results-based budgeting was not an end in itself and that the measures approved by the Assembly should be implemented in a gradual and incremental manner, bearing in mind the intergovernmental, multilateral and international character of the United Nations. The view was expressed that the United Nations regular budget had its unique features, which should be taken into account in the formulation and application of the indicators of achievements. It was pointed out that not all mandates of the United Nations could be measured against indicators, and that some complex and long-standing political activities might not be realized in a specific time frame.

5. The view was expressed that, despite the formatting improvements, it was still difficult to measure the cost-effectiveness of the regular budget, and that more critical attention should be paid to activities which were rolled over from one budget period to the next, particularly to their continued relevance and effectiveness. With regard to the list of recurrent outputs that were not to be carried out in the subsequent biennium, it was noted that the vast majority of budget sections were not represented, and that there was a need for regular evaluation of all programme activities. While it was recognized that the results-based format established a basis for improved evaluation, it was also stressed that it was important for the Secretariat to take the necessary steps to ensure that evaluation took place, including the enhancement of existing systems and the implementation of new measures. Further, the view was expressed that many of the expected achievements set out in the proposed budget document were too broad to be evaluated.

6. Concern was expressed that some of the proposed budget sections were not consistent with the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005. It was reconfirmed that the medium-term plan was the main political guideline of the Organization and the basis for the elaboration of the proposed programme budget. It was therefore stated that the proposed programme budget had to be adjusted to the parameters contained in the approved medium-term plan, and had to incorporate activities with legislative mandates. With regard to the distribution of resources, concern was expressed that some of the mandates of the medium-term plan had not been sufficiently taken into account, that there was a disproportionate allocation of resources between the different priorities, and that the proposed inputs were not commensurate with the needs of the programmes. It was stated that the priorities approved in resolution 55/233 had to receive resources in accordance with their status as priority areas. The proposed programme budget gave special attention and more resources to non-priority activities. It was also stated that, whereas resource growth was proposed for some areas of activities which were not a priority, only a minimum level of growth was proposed for international cooperation for development. That was considered to be contrary to the statement by the Secretary-General that the phenomenon of globalization presented the single most important set of challenges facing the Organization in the years ahead.

7. It was emphasized that budgetary discipline should be exercised, that new requirements for resources should be closely scrutinized and weighed against continuing commitments, and that resources — including posts — should be redeployed from lower priority areas to higher priority areas. Concern was expressed regarding the ability of the Organization to deliver expanded and increased mandates within the same level of real resources. At the same time, the view was also expressed that further cost efficiencies could be realized and resources should be scrutinized to avoid increases with inadequate justification.

8. Concern was expressed regarding the number of reclassifications and new posts at senior levels indicated in the proposed programme budget. It was noted that, while some justification could be found for supporting increases in posts at the P-2 level, it was more difficult to support posts at the D-2 and ASG levels. The view was expressed that increases in senior-level posts could lead to a distortion in the pyramid staffing structure and to an Organization that was too top-heavy. The implementation of the human resource programme recently approved by the General Assembly was expected to result in lower vacancy rates than those budgeted in the proposals.

9. It was considered that shifting sources of funding from the regular budget to extrabudgetary resources should be avoided. Particular concern was expressed that the transfer of posts between those two sources of funding could lead to too great a reliance on extrabudgetary funding.

10. On the subject of information technology, regret was expressed that, despite considerable investment, no sizeable savings had yet been realized. Taking into account the difficulties that still existed in many countries with regard to Internet access, the view was expressed that increases in the use of information technology and electronic publishing should not prejudice the availability and distribution of documents in traditional hard copy format and in the official languages.

11. It was underlined that once the proposed programme budget was approved, it was essential that Member States fulfil their financial contributions with the United Nations to give sense to the budgetary process and to ensure the agreed expected accomplishments.

Conclusions and recommendations

12. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the narrative part of the foreword and introduction of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, subject to the following.

13. The Committee noted the new presentation of the proposed programme budget and recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to encourage programme managers to continue their efforts to improve that presentation in accordance with General Assembly resolution 55/231 and other relevant resolutions.

14. The Committee noted also that there were some shortcomings in the narrative sections of the proposed programme budget, and recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to ensure that programme managers comply with the provisions of the medium-term plan in the preparation of the proposed programme budget, in particular with regard to

expected accomplishments and indicators/measurements of achievement, and also taking into account the mandates specific to the biennium.

15. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to prepare the next biennial proposed programme budget in full conformity with the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 as adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/234, in particular with regard to the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement, taking into account the legislative mandates specific to the biennium.

16. The Committee also recommended that the Secretary-General apply objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement to activities relating to executive direction and management. The Committee further recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to invite the Registrar of the International Court of Justice to apply objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement to the activities of the International Court of Justice.

17. The Committee stressed the necessity of rendering the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement to measure achievements in the implementation of the programmes of the Organization, and not that of individual Member States, giving a clear indication of the progress expected during the biennium, taking into account the international character of the United Nations, the purposes of its Charter and its legislative mandates, as well as the fact that the objectives of the Organization might not be realized in one medium-term plan only. The Committee also stressed the necessity of better integrating outputs into the programmatic framework of objectives and expected accomplishments, bearing in mind the direct relationship between input and outputs. The Committee also underlined that expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement should be capable of reflecting what is achievable during the course of the forthcoming biennium.

18. The Committee recommended that more specific references be included in the proposed programme budget to the role of information technology in helping to deliver programmed activity and to render more effective specific activities such as conference-servicing and information policy.

19. The Committee emphasized the importance of an efficient and quality implementation of programmes and recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to provide information on how programme managers review their outputs to help Member States determine their continuing relevance and effectiveness, as well as to ensure that there were no duplications.

20. The Committee requested the Secretary-General to study the feasibility of best practices regarding support services among United Nations duty stations.

21. The Committee noted the intention of the Secretary-General, reflected in paragraph 38 of the annex to the foreword and introduction to the proposed programme budget for 2002-2003, to submit an interim report towards the middle of the biennium on progress made regarding the collection of performance data for the indicators of achievement.

22. The Committee, on the issue of documentation for the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, expressed concern at the statement made by the Secretariat that only 25 per cent of the anticipated documentation would be available in time for consideration by the Assembly and recommended that the Assembly reiterate its request to the Secretary-General to strengthen accountability and responsibility measures, where applicable, to correct the situation concerning the submission of documentation consistent with the six-week rule. The Committee supported the Assembly's request to the Secretary-General to ensure that documentation was available in accordance with the six-week rule for the distribution of resources simultaneously in the six official languages of the Assembly.

23. The Committee noted a trend towards an increasing use of extrabudgetary funds for activities that should be funded under the regular budget. In that regard, the Committee recommended that the issue be considered by the General Assembly, taking into account its impact on the implementation of mandated activities and noting the need for all mandated programmes and activities to be adequately funded.

24. Regarding the annex to the introduction to the proposed programme budget, the Committee recommended that the General Assembly consider it in the light of its resolution 55/231 on results-based budgeting.

25. The Committee noted that the distribution of resources among sections should comply fully with the priorities established in the medium-term plan and recommended that the General Assembly give due consideration to that matter.

26. The Committee stressed that all Member States should pay their assessed contributions in full, on time and without imposing conditions, to avoid the financial difficulties being experienced by the Organization.

27. The Committee noted that resolution 41/213 called for a comprehensive solution to the problem of additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations. In that regard, the Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to present an updated study for consideration at its resumed fifty-sixth session.

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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

(Item 4 (a))

Section 1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination

1. At its 14th meeting, on 20 June 2001, the Committee considered section 1, Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

2. The Controller introduced section 1 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Concerns were expressed on the format of the section, which was different from other sections of the proposed programme budget. The view was expressed that the programme narrative should have been presented in terms of objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement, which could have allowed for better evaluation of programme implementation at the end of the biennium.

4. The presentation of resources of travel of representatives to the General Assembly was welcomed, whereby the resources of the Office of the Presidents were presented separately from the travel of representatives of Member States that were least developed countries. It was observed that the fact that the resources for

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the President of the Assembly did not reflect any growth might have a negative impact on the accomplishment of the President's official responsibility.

5. Reference was made to paragraph 2.7 of section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, where provisions were made for the special sessions of the Assembly on a new agenda for development in Africa and on disarmament and terrorism; and concern was expressed on the apparent inconsistency of treatment, as provisions were made under that section but no provisions were made under section 1 for the travel of representatives for special sessions of the Assembly.

6. Questions were raised on the number of new posts proposed and on the reclassifications of posts under the section. The view was expressed that detailed programme justifications should have been provided in those respects.

7. The view was expressed that the function of the Office of External Relations in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General appeared to show duplication and overlapping of functions undertaken by other offices. Support was expressed, nevertheless, for the strengthening of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and that of the Office of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna. Regarding the Office of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi, the view was expressed that that Office should be more functional, more dynamic and better used.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 1, Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

9. The Committee recommended that the activities related to executive direction and management be presented in terms of objectives, expected accomplishments, and indicators of achievements, where possible.

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Addendum

Programme Questions: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

(Item 4 (a))

Section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services

1. At its 14th and 15th meetings, on 20 June 2001, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 (sect.2)).

2. The representatives of the Secretary-General introduced the budget section and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. General support was expressed for the activities undertaken by the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services. The view was expressed that the restructuring of the Department in 1997 and the integration of conference services of all United Nations headquarters in the Department had made the usage of conference services, facilities and resources of the Organization more efficient and cost-effective.

4. The importance of the activities under General Assembly affairs and conference services was stressed. Views were expressed that the progressive

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introduction of new technologies in the conference-servicing process should lead to better quality of services, reduced costs and increased efficiency and productivity in the work of the Department. In that context, it was pointed out that the effects of remote translation and interpretation, computer-assisted translation and the introduction of speech-recognition systems should be constantly monitored and evaluated to ensure that high standards of quality and delivery of services are maintained. Emphasis was placed on the need for consistent compliance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 50/11 of 2 November 1995 on multilingualism in servicing the United Nations organs by the Department. Concern was expressed with regard to a persistent problem of the late issuance of documentation, insufficient quality of the translation and interpretation services in certain languages and the accumulated backlog in the production of the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*.

5. Support was expressed for the introduction of a results-based presentation of the programme, with identifiable objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement with an emphasis on qualitative parameters. It was also stressed that the content of some indicators of achievement required further refinement, in particular through the development of common benchmarks and standards for equal conference services, with a view to allowing for measuring the level of quality of the services. On the other hand, a view was expressed that the programme narrative did not clearly demonstrate a linkage between the programme objectives and the proposed level of resources and productivity targets.

6. Concern was expressed over insufficient efforts by the Department to maintain a full complement of permanent staff in Vienna and Nairobi, which had resulted in prolonged vacancies and forced reliance on more expensive temporary assistance.

7. It was stressed that the Secretary-General must ensure that parliamentary documentation was available in accordance with the six-week rule for simultaneous distribution. A view was also expressed that the status of outsourcing of the translation services of documents and of the simultaneous availability of official documentation in electronic form in the six official languages on the United Nations web site should be reviewed by the General Assembly on the basis of the respective reports of the Secretary-General. It was also stressed that ways needed to be found to improve the quality and timely availability of official documentation.

8. The view was expressed that there was a need for the General Assembly to consider provisions in order to promote career development for the language services staff, and that this should be proposed in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

Conclusions and recommendations

9. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, with the following amendments:

Paragraph 2.7

At the end of the last sentence, replace the words "on an as-available basis from within the existing capacity of the Department" with the words "in

accordance with paragraph 4 of section I of General Assembly resolution 55/222 of 23 December 2000".

Paragraph 2.8

At the end of the fourth sentence, insert the phrase ", without prejudice to the mandates of the General Assembly".

Paragraph 2.19 (d)

At the end of the subparagraph, replace the words "within available resources" with the phrase ", in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and the relevant United Nations resolutions on decolonization".

Paragraph 2.46 (a)

After the first sentence, insert a new sentence, reading: "Translation and publishing of the *Repertoire of Practice of the Security Council* in the six official languages".

Paragraph 2.48

At the end of the fourth sentence, insert the phrase ", in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 54/248 and 55/222".

10. The Committee, having experienced difficulties in interpretation during its forty-first session, recommended to the General Assembly to request the Secretary-General to review the effects of such difficulties on the functioning of meetings, and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session on actions to be taken to remedy the situation.

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Section 3. Political affairs

1. At its 15th meeting, on 20 June 2001, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

2. The Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs introduced the budget section and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the role and activities of the programme. Its importance in the area of maintenance of peace and security was also stressed. Support was also expressed for the new format of the fascicle, and an observation was made that the new format represented a substantial improvement. The view was also expressed that the programme narrative in the budget fascicle should be consistent with the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005. In this connection, observations were made that some of the objectives did not reflect the medium-term plan. Observations were also made that some of the indicators of achievement were not clear and, as such, were difficult to measure. Moreover, it was observed that some external factors were drafted too broadly.

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4. The view was expressed that resources proposed were commensurate with the level of activities of the Department of Political Affairs and that they were appropriately distributed among various subprogrammes. It was noted, however, that the capacity to support the Security Council was not adequate to absorb the increasing activities of the Council. The view was expressed that human resources in the Department should be geographically diversified to ensure better understanding of the issues dealt with by the Department.

5. It was pointed out that Africa faced widespread instability and the political situations in many parts of the continent remained volatile. It was indicated that there was a need for greater cooperation between the Department of Political Affairs and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights regarding the subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa to strengthen the political aspects of the Centre for the promotion of democracy. It was also pointed out that extrabudgetary resources might be necessary to support the activities of the Centre.

6. It was observed that prevention of conflicts was an important area of the programme. The view was expressed that any assistance for electoral assistance should be provided at the specific request of Member States. The view was also expressed that elections were the foundations for democracy, and required a substantial amount of resources. In this connection, it was observed that electoral assistance was important, and that there should be substantial support in that area. It was pointed out that the work of the Security Council Sanctions Committees was of high priority. It was observed that the activities of the Sanctions Committees presented in the proposed programme budget did not reflect adequately the medium-term plan for 2002-2005. The outputs, it was observed, were more of a technical nature and not analytical ones.

7. The view was expressed that the indicators of achievement under subprogramme 5, Question of Palestine, were difficult to measure. It was also noted that the success of the programme was dependent on the level of support given to it.

8. The view was expressed that activities within the Division for Palestinian Rights did not constitute an appropriate use of scarce United Nations resources, since they do nothing to advance the cause of reaching a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the Middle East, and in fact complicate the search for a negotiated outcome. It was also expressed that the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories is not only biased but also duplicative of efforts by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

Conclusions and recommendations

9. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, subject to the following modifications:

Paragraph 3.3

In line 4 after "Member States", in accordance with paragraph 1.3 of the medium-term plan for 2002-2005, add the following:

> **"and the principles of non-intervention in matters that are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state and of consent".**

Table 3.12

Under *Expected accomplishments*, after "for the conduct of elections", add "in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions".

Under *Indicators of achievement*, replace subparagraph (i) with "Provision of electoral assistance to Member States in response to their request".

Paragraph 3.26

Delete the phrase "a fair and free" and replace it with "an".

At the end of the sentence add "in accordance with relevant resolutions and decisions".

Paragraph 3.27

In subparagraph (a) (i) a., delete the words "the principle of periodic and genuine", and add at the end of the sentence "in accordance with relevant resolutions and decisions".

In subparagraph (d) (ii), replace "authorities at the regional, national and local level" with "national electoral institutions".

Paragraph 3.38, first sentence

In line 3, after the first sentence, in accordance with paragraph 1.26 of the medium-term plan for 2002-2005, add the following sentence:

> **"Assistance will be provided to the Committee in promoting a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement of the question of Palestine in accordance with all relevant United Nations resolutions, as well as the full and effective implementation of the Israeli-Palestinian peace agreements".**

10. The Committee recommended that in implementing subprogramme 3, Security Council affairs, adequate capacities should be developed for carrying out analytical and research work in connection with the implementation and effectiveness of mandatory measures or sanctions imposed by the Security Council and their impact on the population in target and third countries as well as the evolution of the concept of "smart" sanctions taking into account special economic problems of affected third states, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the medium-term plan for 2002-2005. Special economic problems of affected third states should also be duly taken into account.

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Section 4. Disarmament

1. At its 16th meeting, on 21 June 2001, the Committee considered section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 4 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. The importance of the programme was stressed and support was expressed for the activities carried out by the Department for Disarmament Affairs. It was reaffirmed that the main responsibilities for disarmament lay with Member States and that the United Nations had a central role and primary responsibility in supporting Member States in that sphere.

4. It was noted that, in general, the narrative for section 4 complied with the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005. However, concern was expressed that, in some instances, the narrative deviated from the language contained in the plan. It was also observed that further refinements to the indicators of achievement were needed in order to ensure that they could be effectively measurable and quantifiable.

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5. The need to maintain balance among the various subprogrammes was underscored. Views were expressed that work in the field of nuclear weapons was not given the emphasis it deserved. It was also expressed that undue emphasis had been given to work in the field of landmines.

6. The role of the Conference on Disarmament as the single multilateral disarmament-negotiating forum of the international community was stressed. It was stated that efforts should be made to reinvigorate the work of the Conference, which had shown little progress in recent years, and to adopt a programme of work.

7. Support was expressed for the activities of the United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme, which were considered instrumental in providing training for officials of national Governments, particularly those from developing countries. Such training had contributed to the enhancement of the expertise and skills needed for effective participation in international deliberations and negotiations on disarmament.

8. Support was also expressed for the activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa and the regional centres for peace and disarmament, particularly the Lomé and Lima centres. It was stated that efforts should be made to ensure that the regional centres were adequately funded in order to enable them to fully carry out their mandates. In that context, the adequacy of funding the activities of the regional centres largely through extrabudgetary resources was questioned.

9. The view was expressed that the workshops referred to in subprogramme 5, paragraphs 4.38 (a) (v) and (ix) should focus their efforts on the updating and harmonization of national legislation on light weapons in accordance with the outcomes of the 2001 United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects.

10. The appropriateness of including the external factor "national institutions will be supportive of gender balance issues" (para. 4.37 (f)) in the section's subprogrammes was questioned, for such a factor seemed to be irrelevant to the achievement of the goals of the disarmament work programme. On the other hand, views were also expressed that such an external factor was relevant since it referred to the indicators of achievement and were not meant to be a condition for the achievement of the goals of the disarmament work programme.

Conclusions and recommendations

11. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, subject to the following modifications:

Paragraph 4.1

Replace the entire paragraph with the following:

"General and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control remains the ultimate goal of all efforts exerted in the field of disarmament. The main responsibilities for disarmament lie with Member States, and the United Nations, in accordance with its Charter, has a central role and primary responsibility in supporting Member States

in this sphere. The Department for Disarmament Affairs, headed by an Under-Secretary-General, is responsible for the implementation of the programme".

Paragraph 4.2

Reformulate the text of the paragraph to read as follows:

"The mandate for the programme derives from the priorities established in General Assembly resolutions and decisions in the field of disarmament, including the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament (resolution S-10/2). While weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons, continue to be the primary concern, the Organization would also continue its work in the field of conventional disarmament".

Paragraph 4.4

In the first sentence, replace the phrase "as well as to expert groups on disarmament studies" with "as well as review conferences, other meetings of States parties to multilateral agreements on disarmament and related matters, and expert groups assisting the Secretary-General in undertaking disarmament studies".

Paragraph 4.4 bis

Insert a new paragraph to read as follows: "Training and advisory services will continue to be provided through the United Nations disarmament fellowships, training and advisory services programme and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, for Member States, in particular developing countries, to enhance their expertise with a view to participating more effectively in international deliberating and negotiating forums. The Department will also assist Member States in increasing understanding among them of the relationship between disarmament and development".

Paragraph 4.6

Delete the words "and landmine issues".

Paragraph 4.14

In the second sentence, after the phrase "international disarmament agenda", delete the phrase "in order to make them conform to the new international political and security environments".

Replace the third and fourth sentences with the following:

"The Conference on Disarmament will be finalizing its work programme, which will include resuming negotiations on a number of disarmament issues and continuing the promotion of global disarmament, in accordance with its agenda".

Table 4.7

Under Indicators of achievement, in paragraph (a), after the words "effectiveness of" add the words "the services provided by the Secretariat to facilitate".

Replace paragraph (c) with the following:

> **"An increase in the number of applicants for the United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme and wider representation of Member States in the programme and greater support for the disarmament fellowship programme from Member States".**

Table 4.9

Under Expected accomplishments, in paragraph (a), replace the text after the words "disarmament issues" with the following: "on matters related to weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons, by Member States".

In paragraph (b), replace the words "including the issue of missiles" with the words "on specific issues related to weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons".

Under Indicators of achievement, paragraph (a) (i) should read: "A record of appreciation for assistance provided, including substantive and organizational support, for the implementation of agreements in the field of weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons. This would include sessions of the Preparatory Committee for the 2005 Review Conference and ad hoc meetings".

Paragraph 4.25

In subparagraph (a) (iv), delete the words "and the panel of governmental experts on missiles (2 sessions, 40 meetings, 2000)".

In subparagraph (a) (v), after the words "2 sessions", add the words "40 meetings, 2002" within the parentheses.

12. In all instances where the words "weapons of mass destruction" appear, if it has not already been done, insert a comma after the word "destruction" and add the words "in particular nuclear weapons".

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Section 5, Peacekeeping operations

1. At its 17th meeting, on 21 June 2001, the Committee considered section 5, Peacekeeping operations, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 (Sect. 5)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 5 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Support was given to the activities of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations. The important role of the Department in the maintenance of peace and security, one of the priorities of the Organization, was reaffirmed. The presentation of the programme narrative of the section was welcomed, which was in keeping with the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 and with resolution 55/231 of 23 December 2000 on results-based budgeting. While appreciation was expressed for the simplicity of language of a number of expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement, the view was also expressed that some of the terminology used in the expected accomplishments and indicators could be better formulated and better harmonized with the text of the medium-term plan. It was noted that some of the

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indicators of achievements focused more on the parties to conflict rather than what was being done by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

4. As regards the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievements under subprogramme 1, Operations, in particular the "reduction and/or cessation of hostilities in areas of conflict through the fulfilment of Security Council mandates where peacekeeping operations are deployed", the view was expressed that, while there was an expectation that those could be fulfilled, some of those accomplishments might be difficult to achieve.

5. The particular attention given to a number of important issues in the programme narrative was welcomed, such as the safety and security of peacekeepers in the field; the training of personnel; sound management of peacekeepers in the field; the continuous flow of information to and from Member States in all phases of operations; the integration of past and current practices into the institutional memory of the United Nations; the development and implementation of innovative strategies aimed at gender parity on a broad geographic basis in all aspects of peacekeeping operations; and on measures to be undertaken by the Department in providing for dialogue with troop-contributing countries and members of the Security Council, particularly on the needs of troop-contributing countries that might be in a position to provide troops. On the other hand, given the importance attached to the safety and security of staff in the field, regret was expressed that it had not been included as one of the expected accomplishments in the programme narrative.

6. It was pointed out that since peacekeeping was one of the core functions of the Organization, the capacity of the Department to fulfil its mandated activities should be strengthened. The proposed establishment of a Director of the Europe and Latin American Division was welcomed, therefore, as well as the establishment of a Civilian Police Division and the enhancement of the Department's doctrine and development of best practices. It was emphasized, that in strengthening the capacity of the Department, due regard should be given to geographical balance. It was also emphasized that proper representation of troop-contributing countries in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat should be insured. It was noted that the proposals under the section were still subject to decisions to be taken in connection with the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation on the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations.

7. It was noted that, although certain activities under the programme were of a permanent nature, those activities continued to be funded on a temporary basis from resources under the support account for peacekeeping operations.

8. Support was given to the two peacekeeping missions funded from the regular budget, the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization and the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan. The view was expressed that the resources proposed for those two missions took into account the efficient use of resources and allowed for the implementation of the programme of activities.

Conclusions and recommendations

9. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 5, Peacekeeping operations, of the proposed

programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, subject to the following modifications:

Paragraph 5.3

Replace the first sentence with the entire text of paragraph 3.1 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

In the seventh sentence, replace the phrase "on a broad geographic basis" with "and on as wide a geographical basis as possible".

After the seventh sentence, add the following sentence:

"However, this will not affect the troop-contributing countries in taking their sovereign decisions on the composition of their units deployed to peacekeeping operations within the mission's specific guidelines, as agreed upon by troop-contributing countries".

Paragraph 5.8

At the end of the penultimate sentence, replace the phrase "peace operations" with "peacekeeping operations".

Paragraph 5.24

After the phrase "Security Council mandates", delete the phrase reading "and that other parties ... their role".

Paragraph 5.25

After the phrase "and provision of support to meetings with Member States", replace the phrase reading "other United Nations programmes ... non-governmental organizations" with "by other Organizations within the United Nations system, as well as with other regional organizations and actors, in accordance with legislative mandates".

Table 5.11

Under indicators of achievement (b), add two additional indicators, as follows:

"(i) Reduction in the duration of the liquidation process;

"(ii) Timeliness of the processing and setting of claims of troop-contributing countries by the Claims and Information Management Section (CMSS) under the Field Management and Support Services (FMSS)".

Paragraph 5.32

After the phrase "required military and civilian police components", add the phrase "that meet the relevant prerequisites of the peacekeeping missions", and delete the words "to peacekeeping missions".

Paragraph 5.33

In subparagraphs (b), (c) and (d), replace the phrase "peace operations" with the phrase "peacekeeping operation(s)".

10. The Committee took note of the Secretariat's assurance that the expected increase in extrabudgetary funding was not associated with a recourse to hiring gratis personnel.

11. The Committee recommended that, in implementing programme activities under this section, special attention should be given to enhancing the safety and security of peacekeepers in the field.

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Section 6. Peaceful uses of outer space

1. At its 21st meeting, on 25 June 2001, the Committee considered section 6, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 6 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the programme on the peaceful uses of outer space. Delegations expressed the view that the programme was effective in its management and useful in improving the quality of daily life of people in poverty.

4. It was noted that space technology is important in bridging the gap between developed and developing countries by exposing developing countries to the most advanced technology available.

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5. It was pointed out that the relationships among outputs, indicators of achievement and expected accomplishments were not clear. It was noted that, in some cases, the narrative did not fully reflect the language contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

Conclusions and recommendations

6. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 6, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, subject to the following modifications:

Table 6.3:

Under *Expected accomplishments*, paragraph (c) should read:

"(c) Increased access and use of space technologies by developing countries in their efforts to promote economic, social and cultural development."

Under *Indicators of achievement*, paragraph (c) should read:

"(c) (i) An increase in the number of projects and activities carried out by developing countries to promote economic, social and cultural development through bilateral and multilateral cooperation, with access and use of space technologies."

Under *Indicators of achievement*, insert the following text as paragraph (c) (ii):

"An increase in and further enhancement of training opportunities for developing countries, including fellowships provided to individuals from developing countries to participate in workshops, expert meetings and training courses on various topics of space science and technology and its application." (A/55/6/Rev.1, para. 4.9 (e))

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Section 8
Office of Legal Affairs

1. At its 26th and 27th meeting, on 28 June 2001, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 8, Legal affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

2. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, The Legal Counsel, introduced the budget section and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the role and activities of the section. Acknowledgement was made in regard to the contribution of subprogrammes 3 and 5 in the areas of international trade law and preparations for the international criminal court, respectively. Support was also expressed for the work of the Preparatory Committee for the International Criminal Court.

4. The view was expressed that there should be greater harmony between the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement contained in the budget

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fascicle and those outlined in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005. Particular reference was made, in this regard, to subprogrammes 1 and 2. Views were expressed and sought on the role and function of Legal Affairs in the context of the operations of the United Nations, in particular as it relates to providing legal services to legislative and intergovernmental bodies.

5. A view was expressed that the narrative part of the programme was not consistent with the medium-term plan, and that the programme did not refer to the resolutions that contain its mandate in all subprogrammes.

6. Furthermore it was pointed out that some of the indicators of achievement were difficult to measure and that consideration should be given to expressing these indicators in more quantifiable terms.

7. The broad nature of some external factors were pointed out, particular reference being made to those presented in subprogramme 6.

8. The understanding was expressed that, after a period of time, the components of the results based budget, including expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement, would be reviewed and their success assessed.

9. Concern was expressed about the issuance of documents in all official languages and the simultaneous availability of these documents in all official languages on the web site.

Conclusions and recommendations

10. **The Committee requests the Secretary-General to realign the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement of section 8, Legal affairs, in conformity with the medium-term plan and to submit the revised section to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session.**

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Section 9. Economic and social affairs

1. At its 22nd and 23rd meetings, on 26 June 2001, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the budget section and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the work programme envisaged under the section. Specific reference was made to the anticipated support for the Second World Assembly on Ageing and the World Summit on Sustainable Development. It was noted that no specific resource provision had been made for the International Conference on Financing for Development although it was also scheduled to be held in 2002. Appreciation was expressed for the contribution of the programme in assisting developing countries in their development efforts.

4. The view was expressed that, although most expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement were consistent with those approved for Programme 7 of

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the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, some accomplishments and indicators required a closer alignment with those in the plan. It was considered that further efforts were necessary to develop operational measures for the indicators of achievement cited under the programme. In general, concern was expressed regarding the difficulty to measure "Satisfaction of Member States ..." and "contribution of ... subprogramme advisory services etc.", which were cited as indicators of achievement throughout section 9. It was considered that some of the external factors also required improvement. The indicators of achievements under subprogramme 5, Statistics, were highlighted, as an area where the Department of Economic and Social Affairs has gained significant comparative advantage.

5. The view was expressed that the narratives for consultants and experts should have been more detailed so as to allow easy review.

6. The view was expressed that the level of resources proposed was not commensurate with the work programme to which high priority has been attached, nor was it commensurate with the level of growth proposed for other high priority programmes. It was further expressed that adequate budget resources should be provided for the strengthening of the subprogrammes, particularly for technical cooperation activities. Although the difficulty in projecting extrabudgetary resources was recognized, concern was expressed about the negative impact that the lower level of extrabudgetary resources projected for the biennium 2002-2003 would have on the programme of work. A view was expressed about the need to ensure that the increasing bilateralization trend reflected in voluntary contributions did not weaken the multilateral character of the Organization. It was also felt that the allocation of extrabudgetary resources should be subject to careful oversight in order to ensure that such resources do not distort the priorities set by Member States. Concern was expressed regarding the insufficiency of resources for combating poverty and the continuing decrease of the level of ODA.

7. The inclusion of the United Nations Forum on Forests under section 9 was welcomed. Concern was expressed about the lack of resources for its secretariat for the biennium 2002-2003, and the consequential impact on the programme of work. It was explained that the resources for the operations of the compact secretariat would be addressed through the procedure of programme budget implications statement.

8. A view was expressed that the relevance and role of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development and the Committee for Development Policy should be examined.

9. It was stated that although South-South cooperation was cited in paragraph 9.2 of the Overview, no individual South-South outputs were cited under the various subprogrammes in the section. It was explained that South-South cooperation was always an important consideration in designing and implementing relevant technical cooperation activities, carried out by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and that the organizational structure dealing with South-South cooperation was the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (SU/TCDC) in UNDP.

Conclusions and recommendations

10. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, subject to the following modifications:

Table 9.9

Under Expected accomplishments, add new paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) as follows:

"(e) Establishment of an expanded framework for information exchange and communication with Governments and civil society.

"(f) Increased efficiency and effectiveness of the Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality.

"(g) An increased number of ratifications of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its Optional Protocol, increased compliance by States parties with reporting obligations under the Convention and improved coordination between the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in contributing to the development and strengthening of human rights mechanisms to ensure the enjoyment by women of their human rights".

Table 9.9

Under Indicators of achievement, add new paragraphs (e) and (f) as follows:

"(e) The number of ratifications of the Convention and its Optional Protocol, the number of States parties submitting their reports to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on time and the number of reports examined by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

"(f) The development of tools and methodologies and the promotion of good practices with respect to system-wide gender mainstreaming by the Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, including enhancement of the capabilities of the regional economic commissions to work as focal points for inter-agency coordination on gender issues within the United Nations system".

Paragraph 9.62 (a) (iii) b

In Parliamentary documentation. Reports on, include reference to the report on "existing studies, information and documentation on abuse against older persons".

Table 9.13

Under Expected accomplishments, renumber existing paragraph (c) to (c) (i) and insert new paragraph (c) (ii) "improved coordination of the implementation of the World Solar Programme".

Under Indicators of achievement, paragraph (c), after the phrase "sustainable development", insert the phrase "including the World Solar Programme".

Paragraph 9.69 (a) (vi)

In the last sentence, after the word "development", add the words "including solar energy".

Table 9.21

Under Expected accomplishments, replace paragraph (e) with the following text: "improved access by Governments and international bodies to analytical tools, options and adequate methodologies regarding the linkages between political and economic issues and policies, such as economic sanctions, imposition of coercive economic measures, the relationship between disarmament and development and relevant aspects of post-conflict rehabilitation and reconstruction".

11. The Committee recommended to the General Assembly to reflect the activities of the United Nations Forum on Forest in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35 in the relevant subprogramme of section 9 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

12. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly consider the impact of the increased use of consultants in the implementation of this programme.

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Section 10. Africa: New Agenda for Development

1. At its 26th meeting, on 28 June 2001, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 10, Africa: New Agenda for Development, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the budget section and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the programme Africa: New Agenda for Development, which is a priority for the medium-term plan 2002-2005. The importance of this programme for Africa was reiterated.

4. Full support was expressed for the increase of resources and the objectives proposed for the biennium. The view was also expressed that the strategy of the programme should be action-oriented and result in concrete measurable activities.

5. The view was expressed that expected accomplishments of subprogramme 1 should include increased cooperation not only between Africa and other developing countries, but also between Africa and developed countries. Including increased

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cooperation with developed countries would fully take into account the main objective of the programme, which is to mobilize the international community as a whole.

6. It was considered extremely important that all the vacant posts be filled without delay. It was recommended that the final evaluation of the UN-NADAF be precise, critical and exhaustive. UN-NADAF was a compact between Africa and the international community and its evaluation should show candidly and clearly what each member of the compact has done. The evaluation should further assess the impact of what has been done, and provide indications on the successor arrangements.

7. The view was expressed that the strategy under subprogramme 3 should be revised to include the production of special materials to promote the final evaluation of the UN-NADAF and highlight its achievements.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 10, Africa: New Agenda for Development, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, subject to the following:

(a) Modifications to the narrative of section 10:

Subprogramme 1
Table 10.4

Under indicators of achievement (b), after "The contribution" add "and impact".

Under expected accomplishments, replace paragraph (b) by the following:

"Greater awareness and understanding of African development issues, including those related to post-conflict situations."

Under indicators of achievement, add after paragraph (d), the following five paragraphs:

"(e) An assessment of the quality and timeliness of reports submitted to intergovernmental policy-making and review bodies to facilitate deliberations on Africa.

"(f) The number and usefulness of briefing sessions on issues concerning African development.

"(g) The number and usefulness of South-South forums sponsored or co-sponsored.

"(h) The number of visits to the Africa web page.

"(i) The use of databases on the activities of non-governmental organizations and other non-governmental partners contributing to African development."

Subprogramme 2
Table 10.6

Under expected accomplishments, add the following two paragraphs:

"(d) Improved reporting on and dissemination of experiences in the implementation of programmes and initiatives on Africa.

"(e) Strengthened national economic management capacity as an integral component of peace-building and post-conflict resolution."

Under indicators of achievement, add the following paragraph and re-letter the other paragraphs:

"(a) Expression of satisfaction over the support provided to Member States in implementing the programme of action."

Under indicators of achievement, in new paragraphs (c) and (d) add "and impact" after "The number".

Under indicators of achievement, add the following two paragraphs after paragraph (d):

"(e) The number and impact of forums and expert meetings organized to access and monitor the rate of implementation of the action programme.

"(f) The number and impact of training activities organized and development personnel benefiting from them."

Subprogramme 3
Table 10.8

Replace the two indicators of achievement by:

"(a) Assessment by users of the quality and volume of information disseminated regionally and internationally through the print and electronic media outlets.

"(b) The timely and regular issuance of *Africa Recovery*.

"(c) The number and quality of informational materials prepared and media events organized in order to maintain the international spotlight on Africa."

(b) Immediate steps should be taken to fill the vacancies which negatively affect programme delivery.

(c) Activities envisaged in subprogramme 3 should be reinforced in view of the forthcoming final evaluation of UN-NADAF in the year 2002.

(d) The various reports related to the final evaluation of the UN-NADAF listed as outputs under subprogrammes 1 and 2 should, inter alia:

(i) Present an exhaustive assessment of all the activities carried out by all partners concerned in the various areas covered by the UN-NADAF;

(ii) Provide a critical analysis which would make it possible:

- to identify successes, obstacles and failures;
- to highlight the lessons learned;
- to indicate the impact and implications of the activities on the development of Africa, in the light of the commitments, responsibilities and objectives initially set by UN-NADAF;

(iii) Include concrete proposals on the successor arrangements to UN-NADAF. The proposals should include effective coordination measures at the international, regional, subregional and national levels.

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Section 11A. Trade and Development

1. At its 12th meeting, on 19 June 2001, the Committee considered section 11A, Trade and development, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the budget section and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Strong support was expressed for the programme overall and for the activities of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). UNCTAD was particularly commended for the successful preparation of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries. A view was expressed that the Committee was not the appropriate body to commend UNCTAD for the preparation of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries.

4. Views were expressed that the fascicle for section 11A (A/56/6 (Sect. 11A)) needed to be reissued and brought in line with the outcome of the Third United

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Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries. It was also held that it would not be appropriate for the Committee to review subprogramme 5. Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, could prejudice the proposals that the Secretary-General had been requested to submit to the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, as per paragraph 116 of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 adopted by the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in June 2001. Other views were expressed that there was no need to reissue the fascicle, and that the Committee should recommend the approval of section 11A since the agreed conclusions of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget of UNCTAD adopted on 12 June 2001 (as contained in E/AC.51/2001/10), in particular paragraphs 1 and 7, offered a suitable course of action.

5. Satisfaction was expressed with the results-based format of the budget document; however, views were also expressed that further improvement could be achieved. It was recommended that this programmatic framework be incorporated into the everyday work of UNCTAD. Nevertheless, some indicators, in particular in the research and analysis area, were considered to be vague, not time-sensitive, or otherwise difficult to measure. More information was required on how some of the indicators would be measured in practice. Some of the external factors were also seen as being too generic. The results-based budget format should also have been applied to executive direction and management and to programme support. The view was expressed that the annual evaluation undertaken by the substantive divisions of UNCTAD should serve as a role model for other departments of the United Nations Secretariat.

6. On the question of resources, it was felt that more resources should be dedicated to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 and that the Office of the Special Coordinator for Least Developed, Landlocked and Island Developing Countries should be strengthened. Clarification was sought on the allocation of resources between subprogrammes 1A and 1B in subprogramme 1, Globalization, interdependence and development. The link between activities undertaken under section 1B and the sectoral work, in particular technical assistance, needed to be spelled out clearly. The establishment of a unit for landlocked developing countries in the Office of the Special Coordinator for Least Developed, Landlocked and Island Developing Countries was noted with appreciation. Views were also expressed that it was premature to propose the strengthening of the Office of the Special Coordinator for Least Developed Countries, or to establish a unit for landlocked developing countries in the Office of the Special Coordinator for Least Developed, Landlocked and Island Developing Countries, taking into account that the Secretary-General had been requested to prepare a report on the operationalization of the outcome of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries held at Brussels. Concern was expressed at the amount of resources proposed for consultants and experts throughout the section. The need to ensure that pledged voluntary contributions were forthcoming was underlined.

7. The view was expressed that the programme should focus its activities on areas where it had a comparative advantage, rather than expand into every development-related topic. UNCTAD should continue to deepen its expertise in selected areas, rather than broaden them. Another view was expressed that the activities of

UNCTAD were already focused and in coordination with other development-related agencies. The view was expressed that the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development duplicated activities in other areas of the Organization. It was suggested that it should be abolished and resources diverted to other activities. Support was also expressed for the valuable services provided by the Commission and the continuation of its work. It was noted that some of the proposed research activities on Africa should be more clearly coordinated with activities reflected under sections 10 and 16 of the proposed programme budget.

8. Other developments such as the increased use of videoconferencing and the falling vacancy rate were welcomed. The need to show the impact of modern technology on the activities of UNCTAD was underlined. Emphasis was placed on the strengthening of database and information management systems referred to in this section.

9. The creation of a Division of Management, which should enable rationalization and streamlining of administrative activities, was welcomed.

Conclusions and recommendations

10. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 11A, Trade and development, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, subject to the following modification:

Paragraph 11A.2

After the last sentence, insert the following sentence: "It is foreseen that the Trade and Development Board will mainstream the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 within the work programme of UNCTAD, as well as in the UNCTAD intergovernmental process. It is also foreseen that similar efforts will be undertaken by the governing bodies of all United Nations system organizations, as appropriate."

11. The Committee recommended that, when considering section 11A, the General Assembly also take into account the outcome of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held at Brussels, as endorsed by the Assembly.

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Section 11B. International Trade Centre

1. At its 13th meeting, on 19 June 2001, the Committee considered section 11B, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the budget section and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. The existing administrative arrangements with respect to the International Trade Centre were noted. Nevertheless, regret was expressed that as a consequence of these arrangements a detailed proposed programme budget would not be available until later this year.

Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Committee took note of the preliminary estimate to accommodate the International Trade Centre programme of activities during the biennium 2002-2003. It also took note of the fact that, under the existing administrative arrangements approved by the General Assembly, the detailed proposed programme budget of the International Trade Centre for the biennium 2002-2003 would be submitted directly to the Assembly at its fifty-sixth session.

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Section 12. Environment

1. At its 13th meeting, on 19 June 2001, the Committee considered section 12, Environment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the budget section and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the programme of work envisaged under the section.

4. The view was expressed that more information was needed on the relationship between outputs and indicators of achievement and their consequent measurement. It was further noted that the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement did not reflect entirely those contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005. It was suggested that a comparison of the outputs approved for the 2000-2001 biennium and those proposed for the 2002-2003 biennium and an analysis of the shifts in the outputs would be helpful.

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5. The view was also expressed that the narrative under Executive direction and management should have included an indication of objectives, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement, external factors and the related outputs.

6. It was observed that extrabudgetary resources represented 96.2 per cent of the total resources for the section, and concern was expressed at the effect that such dependency might have on the implementation of the priorities decided upon by intergovernmental organs.

7. Support was expressed for the increased resources proposed under the section. Support was expressed for the work of UNEP in environmental assessment and early warning as well as for UNEP publications, particularly the *Global Environment Outlook*. It was stated that use of the UNEP web site and its consequent improvement should be encouraged. A view was expressed that appropriate resources should be dedicated to desertification and reforestation.

8. It was considered that the proposals relating to the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation should reflect the decisions of General Assembly resolution 55/121 of 8 December 2000. It was also observed that expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement were not provided for that Committee.

9. The view was expressed that the Malmö Declaration did not provide a mandate.

10. It was considered that the reference to global environmental governance needed to be justified by an indication of the relevant mandate.

Conclusions and recommendations

11. The Committee noted that the Secretary-General had yet to submit a report elaborating on the "Global Compact", and given that pending action, decided to defer consideration of the issue to its forty-second session.

12. The Committee recommended that every effort be made to ensure stability and predictability in funding the activities of UNEP.

13. The Committee noted the reinforcement of the executive direction and management compared with the programme of work and recommended that the General Assembly review that question.

14. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 12, Environment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, subject to the following modifications:

Delete the phrase "global compact" from the narrative part of section 12.

Paragraph 12.21

In the second sentence, replace the words "collection, analysis and interpretation of data" with the words "collection and analysis of data".

In the third sentence, after the words "reporting arrangements" add the following words "invited it to submit its programme of work to the Assembly".

At the end of the last sentence, add the words "in consultation with scientists and experts from interested Member States".

Table 12.10

Insert a new expected accomplishment as follows: "(e) The implementation of a new strategic environmental law programme for the first decade of the millennium".

Insert a new indicator of achievement as follows: "(e) The adoption by the Governing Council of a new strategic environmental law programme".

Table 12.14

Insert a new expected accomplishment as follows: "(f) Adherence to the goals of the International Declaration on Cleaner Production".

Insert a new indicator of achievement as follows: "(f) The number of signatures to the International Declaration on Cleaner Production".

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Section 13. Human settlements

1. At its 25th meeting, on 27 June 2001, the Committee considered section 13, Human settlements, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the budget section and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the activities undertaken by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat). Appreciation was expressed for the actions taken by the Centre to streamline its activities.

4. The high quality of the budget document for section 13 was commended. Although the objective of subprogramme 1, to improve the shelter conditions of the world's urban poor, was fully supported, the view was expressed that the concept of "secure tenure" under expected accomplishment (a) in table 13.7 should not be encouraged, as the adequacy of resources for its implementation was questionable. It was considered that the Centre should complete its work programme prior to engaging in other projects.

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5. There was overall support for the proposed budget, although the proposal for the reclassification of three posts in the Professional category was questioned. It was noted that, in the context of the revitalization of the Centre, the upgrading sought to correct historical discrepancies whereby posts had stagnated at low levels while substantive responsibilities had increased. In that regard, it was pointed out that at its eighteenth session the Commission on Human Settlements had authorized the Executive Director to raise the budget ceiling, including posts, funded from voluntary contributions, as part of organizational adjustments in the revitalization effort.

6. It was noted that 90.1 per cent of the estimated resources that would be available to the programme during the biennium 2002-2003 would be from extrabudgetary resources and a question was raised on the criteria used in allocating such resources. In view of the significant dependency on extrabudgetary resources to implement the proposed work programme, concern was expressed about the negative impact that the lower level of extrabudgetary resources projected for the biennium 2002-2003 would have on the programme of work. It was queried whether firm commitments had been received for the level of extrabudgetary resources estimated and whether the level of resources proposed would be adequate to implement the programme of work. In that regard, it was stated that there was an apparent contradiction between the proposed increase in extrabudgetary posts and the related footnote to table 13.3 and the reduced level of extrabudgetary resources reflected in table 13.2. In reply, it was noted that the estimated level of extrabudgetary resources was conservative as it excluded the resources likely to be available in the biennium 2002-2003 but which could not currently be incorporated in projections because the necessary intergovernmental approval had not yet been granted.

7. A question was asked on specific action the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements intended to take with respect to the Declaration on cities and other human settlements in the new millennium, adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth special session, in particular the paragraph on removing obstacles to the realization of the rights of the peoples living under colonial and foreign occupation. It was explained that the Declaration was crucial to the work of Habitat, and that the Centre would develop a programme of action to implement it. It was also stressed that the Declaration was to be implemented by all the relevant organizations of the United Nations system.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 13, Human settlements, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, subject to the following modifications:

Table 13.9

Under *Expected accomplishments*, replace the words "city authorities" with the words "local authorities".

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Section 14. Crime prevention and criminal justice

1. At its 13th meeting, on 19 June 2001, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 14, Crime prevention and criminal justice, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the budget section and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the activities undertaken by the Centre for International Crime Prevention. The importance of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme was stressed.

4. Satisfaction was expressed that activities related to the elaboration of an international legal instrument on the illicit manufacturing of and trafficking in explosives and of a United Nations convention against corruption were indicated as being subject to a decision of the General Assembly.

5. Support was expressed for the overall objectives of the Centre and for activities related to transnational organized crime. Great appreciation was expressed

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for the excellent work and guidance provided by the dedicated staff of the Centre, which had led to the adoption of the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols. Questions were raised concerning preparatory work for the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, in the light of the uncertainties as to when the Conference would be convened. It was stressed that follow-up work on the Convention should be a priority area in the programme of work of the Centre. Staff of the Secretariat working in this area should be strengthened.

6. Strong support was expressed for the work of the Centre on three global programmes: transnational organized crime, trafficking in human beings, and corruption. A view was expressed that, considering its limited resources, the Centre must focus its efforts. Therefore, activities related to cybercrime issues and expanded work of the Terrorism Prevention Branch were not supported. Another view was expressed in support of the additional resources proposed for cybercrime issues and for the reform of criminal justice systems.

7. Views were also expressed that the programme of work did not reflect a balanced approach between combating international crime threats and promoting fair and efficient criminal justice systems. This was a particular concern as the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice had decided at its tenth session to adopt "Reform of the criminal justice system" as the theme for the eleventh session of the Commission. Satisfaction was expressed with the good progress achieved towards the elaboration of a convention against corruption, since corruption was an impediment to social and economic development.

8. A view was expressed that the text of the section gave excessive attention to activities related to transnational organized crime over activities on crime prevention and criminal justice, which were the primary mandates of the Programme. It was recalled that the Centre for International Crime Prevention had given assurances to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice that the programme of work would be revised in the future to take into account the resolutions of the Commission and other relevant bodies. In that sense, it was stressed that it was necessary to prepare all the reports requested by the Commission, inter alia, the reports on the campaign to eradicate the illicit traffic of protected species of wild flora and fauna, on the illicit access to genetic resources, on support to Governments requesting technical assistance to combat illicit funds transfers and the repatriation of such funds.

9. Questions were raised concerning the mandates for activities related to terrorism and for monitoring criteria to assess the implementation of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, and the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air.

10. A view was expressed that there was no definition of terrorism. Queries were raised about the Programme's activities to combat terrorism in all its aspects, including terrorism by States.

11. It was observed that expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement had not been provided in the areas of economic and financial crime. Support was expressed for expected accomplishments related to gender mainstreaming, although the view was also expressed that the related indicator of achievement could be better defined.

12. Lack of elaboration on the synergy with the United Nations International Drug Control Programme was observed.

13. Concern was expressed regarding the adequacy of resources. Questions were raised concerning the use of extrabudgetary resources and support was expressed for the proposed 10.2 per cent increase in regular budget resources.

Conclusions and recommendations

14. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 14, Crime prevention and criminal justice, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, subject to the following modifications:

Table 14.5

Replace expected accomplishment (b) with paragraph 12.7 (b) of programme 12 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005,[1] as follows:

> **"The expansion of global knowledge of and expertise to deal with crime problems such as those posed by transnational organized crime, trafficking in persons, economic and financial crime, including money-laundering, corruption, illicit manufacturing and trafficking in firearms and terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, as well as to promote fair and efficient criminal justice systems;"**

Replace indicator of achievement (b) with paragraph 12.8 (b) of programme 12 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005,[1] as follows:

> **"Awareness of best practices and information disseminated, research undertaken and new techniques developed and shared among Member States to respond to crime problems as well as to promote fair and efficient criminal justice systems;"**

In indicator of achievement (c) (i), replace the words "transnational organized crime, trafficking in persons, corruption and terrorism in all its forms and manifestations" with the words "crime problems";

In indicator of achievement (c) (ii), replace the words "transnational organized crime, trafficking in persons, corruption and terrorism in all its forms and manifestations" with the words "crime problem";

Paragraph 14.18 (a)

Replace the words "Readiness of Governments to ratify" with the words "Cooperation of Member States in ratifying";

Paragraph 14.18 (b)

Delete the words "including from sensitive government data sources".

Paragraph 14.19 (a)

Add a new subparagraph (vi), reading:

"(vi) Ad Hoc Committee for the negotiation of a legal instrument against corruption

a. Substantive servicing of meetings. Six sessions of two weeks' duration (120 meetings);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Six reports to the Ad Hoc Committee, including, inter alia, annotated agenda with transmission of draft text, contributions and proposals by States; six reports on each session of the Ad Hoc Committee."

Paragraph 14.19 (a) (v)

The subparagraph should read:

"(v) Ad hoc expert groups (RB/XB): Four regional expert group meetings on technical issues of common regional concern on the ratification and/or implementation of the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its three protocols; one expert group meeting each on: the criminal misuse of information technologies; best practices to combat trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants by land, sea and air, with attention given to the gender dimensions; best practices in combating corruption, with attention given to the gender dimensions; hostage situations and rescue operations; recognizing early warning signals of terrorist escalation; and legal approaches to combating terrorism;"

Paragraph 14.19 (d) (ii)

Delete the subparagraph.

15. The Committee recommended the strengthening of the Secretariat of the Centre for International Crime Prevention, including the field offices of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, so as to accomplish the tasks related to crime prevention and criminal justice and transnational organized crime through, inter alia, the full implementation of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and of the Board of Auditors concerning the management and implementation of the Centre's programme.

Notes

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/55/6/Rev.1).

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Section 15. International drug control

1. At its 14th meeting, on 20 June 2001, the Committee considered section 15, International drug control, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the budget section and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Full support for the Programme, a priority area of work, was expressed. The importance of the Programme and the targets set in the Political Declaration were stressed.

4. Appreciation was expressed for the rigorous work done through the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in combating drugs and for intergovernmental cooperation to combat trafficking. Views were expressed that efforts in the area of demand reduction and in the area of eliminating the production of coca and opium were commendable. Appreciation was also expressed for the Programme's gender perspective.

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5. A view was expressed that increased inter-sessional meetings of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs would enhance the Commission's role. The need for periodic consultations between the Commission and the Board was also stressed.

6. Support was expressed for constructive steps as regards management reforms and evaluation. Full implementation of those reforms was expected. Reform through the evaluation of projects was welcomed. Views were expressed that the proposal to establish an Assistant Secretary-General post in section 1 to provide for a Deputy to the Director-General, who would undertake responsibility for activities related to crime prevention and criminal justice and to international drug control, should have been mentioned in section 15.

7. Views were expressed that specific targets and indicators of achievement should be formulated more precisely. It was noted that, among the expected accomplishments, there was no reference to enhanced coordination within the United Nations system under subprogramme 1, despite the observations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services in its recent triennial review of the Programme in that regard. Concerns were expressed regarding the fact that the availability of extrabudgetary resources had been reflected as an external factor which might affect the achievement of expected accomplishments. Another view was expressed that the availability of extrabudgetary resources should be highlighted, considering that such resources were generally earmarked, thus affecting the implementation of the work programme.

8. It was pointed out that the coordination efforts with the Centre for International Crime Prevention concerning money laundering had not been elaborated in the budget document. Clarification on the framework for the removal of unwanted information from the Internet and coordination efforts in that regard with the Centre and other entities was requested.

9. Support for activities to assist transit States, including enhanced international cooperation, was expressed. It was stated that international cooperation should be increased in order to pay greater attention to the specific needs of transit States. Alternative development measures to reduce the production of illicit crops were supported.

10. The view was expressed that greater commitment should be adopted towards the accomplishment of the priorities established by States during the forty-fourth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

Conclusions and recommendations

11. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 15, International drug control, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, subject to the following modifications:

Table 15.7

Under Expected accomplishments, add the words

"(e) Improved coordination of drug-control-related activities throughout the United Nations system with UNDCP providing leadership;

"(f) Progress made towards the adoption and implementation of measures to strengthen national legislation and progress giving effect to the action plan against the illicit manufacture, trafficking and abuse of amphetamine-type stimulants and their precursors; measures to eliminate or reduce significantly the illicit manufacture, marketing and trafficking of other psychotropic substances, including synthetic drugs, and the diversion of precursors; national legislation and programmes to counter money laundering; and measures to promote and strengthen judicial cooperation;"

Under Indicators of achievement, add the words

"(e) The completion of needs assessments for multilateral cooperation on drug control;

"(f) Measures taken to strengthen national legislation and to give effect to the action plan against the illicit manufacture, trafficking and abuse of amphetamine-type stimulants and their precursors; to eliminate or reduce significantly the illicit manufacture, marketing and trafficking of other psychotropic substances, including synthetic drugs, and the diversion of precursors; national legislation and programmes to counter money laundering; and to promote and strengthen judicial cooperation."

Table 15.10

Under Indicators of achievement, *delete* in paragraph (c) the words "(conclusion of agreements and memoranda of understanding)".

Table 15.12

Under Expected accomplishments, in paragraph (a), between the words "meeting" and "goals" *insert* the words "by 2003 the".

Under Indicators of achievement, in paragraph (a), *add* "by 2003" after "society".

Paragraph (e)

The paragraph should read:

"Number of guides on prevention and treatment issues developed during seminars and workshops and expert group meetings, and actually in use by Member States, to determine what constitutes effective prevention among school-based youth, youth at risk and women, and the design of treatment responses based on needs assessment and evaluation results."

Table 15.14, Objective 2

Under Expected accomplishments, in paragraph (a) *add* "by 2003" between "to meet" and "the goals".

Paragraph 15.35 (a) (iv)

Delete the words "one ad hoc expert group meeting on international cooperation against drug trafficking at sea; and".

12. The Committee recommended that the number of inter-sessional meetings of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs be increased and that informal inter-sessional meetings among UNDCP, donors and recipient countries be held. Those increases in activities would be undertaken on an as-available basis.